WHEREAS, the creation of Yellowstone National Park in 1872 gave birth to the revolutionary concept in the custody of our nation's resources and bequeathed to us a trust of undefiled land; and,

WHEREAS, this unique American idea of setting aside natural resources for values other than materialistic has expanded into a nationwide system of 284 areas in which are preserved our most precious historic and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the National Park Service works to the environmental and accommic well-being of South Dakota through its administration of Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Wind Cave National Park, Badlands National Monument, and Jewel Cave National Monument, a land area of 274,677 acres with annual visitation of over 4% million people:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim 1972 as

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL YEAR

and urge all South Dakotans to join in the commemoration and celebration of the 100th anniversary of one of our proudest national assets by visiting, enjoying and preserving our national parks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 22nd day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE